

Avon Dassett St John the Baptist

August 2021 Church Plan



Part A - Current Report

Part B - Survey

Results of our open survey conducted in Summer and Autumn 2020, canvassing all community contacts for their reaction to Part A. The survey remains [open and available at this location](#). Please feel free to repeat your survey response or complete the survey for the first time.

Part C – Community Recommendations

Minutes of any community meetings held to discuss the information available in other parts of the Church Plan.

Part D - Action Plan

Details of any actions agreed through Community Recommendations, assigned to community participants, Churches Conservation Trust staff, or to the Churches Conservation Trust Local Community Officer specifically.

Part A - Current Report

Church Introduction & Statement of Significance

The present church was built in 1868 on the site of an earlier church dating from the Norman era. The architect was Charles Buckeridge. The church was declared redundant on 11 May 1983, and was vested in the Churches Conservation Trust. It is still used occasionally for concerts or community events. Between May 2007 and September 2008 work was carried out on the spire at a cost of about £700,000, with the result that the church bells were rung on 21 February 2009, the first time for some decades.

The church is constructed in Hornton sandstone with tiled roofs. Its plan consists of a three-bay nave with a north aisle and a south porch, a three-bay chancel with a north organ chamber, and a west tower with a spire. The architectural style of the church, other than the north arcade, is Gothic Revival, in the style of the early 14th century. Most of the fabric used was new, although a small amount of fabric from the earlier church was incorporated, including fragments from the 12th century. The tower is in three stages, with angle buttresses, and a stair turret at the southeast angle. The lowest stage has a west window of four lights, which was formerly the east window of the earlier church. In the middle stage is single-light window, and in the upper stage the bell openings have two lights. The tower is surmounted by a tall octagonal spire. The nave measures 44 feet (13.4 m) by 17 feet (5.2 m). In its south wall is a porch and three windows, one with a single light, and the others with two lights. The north aisle is 10 feet (3.0 m) wide, and has three two-light windows. The chancel measures about 34 feet (10.4 m) by 16 feet (4.9 m). Its east window has three lights. The other windows have two lights, two on the north side and three on the south.

The three-bay north arcade is in Norman style, carried on round pillars. In the north wall of the chancel is a recess containing a 13th-century stone coffin with a lid. The lid is carved in high relief with the effigy of a deacon with a tonsure. He is dressed in vestments, including

a cassock, an alb, a dalmatic, a maniple, and a stole. It is thought that this is the coffin of Hugh (or Hugo), rector of the church, who died in about 1240. All the furniture of the church dates from the building of the present church, including the font, which is made of grey marble. In the sanctuary are an oak altar and choir stalls, a stone triple sedilia, and a reredos in grey Purbeck marble with a cross in its centre. In the church are memorials dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. The west window contains a few fragments of 15th-century glass. There is a ring of five bells that were cast by William Blews of Birmingham. Since the church was declared redundant, work has been carried out to improve their condition. The parish registers date from 1559.

In the churchyard are six headstones and a chest tomb, each of which is designated as a Grade II listed building. The headstones consist of one dated 1687, another from the mid-late 17th century, a further one dated 1699, another dated 1681, one dated 1706, and another, this one dated 1719. The chest tomb dates from the middle of the 17th century.

Current use (bookings) & voluntary activity

St. John the Baptist's currently enjoys permission from The Church of England for six Sunday services each year and an unlimited number of additional services on an occasional basis. During the most recent three years the church has hosted an annual carol service. Local volunteers have also organised an open gardens and a tea party.

Voluntary activity undertaken by three local residents includes

- Cleaning
- Remittance of wall safe and service funds
- Ad hoc reporting of building change

Collection Review

Open Churches Policy status	Open
Local Community Officer:	Leigh-Anne Beattie
Current project:	N/A
Cleaning schedule:	Cleaned regularly, led by volunteers in accordance with CCT guidelines
Welcome table:	Maintains stock of current leaflets (note unavailability of future leaflets for re-stock)
Key holder role:	Fulfilled
Key representative role:	Fulfilled (CCT liaison, volunteer management, maintenance reporting)
Area volunteer role:	Fulfilled
Fundraising roles:	Vacant and necessary
Stewardship roles:	Not needed
Research, interp. & talks role:	Vacant and necessary
Accessibility details:	Provided via website
CCT silver plaque:	Installed, requires removing
CCT information board:	Installed, requires updating
Oak post:	Not installed, not needed

CCT freestanding board:	Installed
Wall safe poster:	Installed, current
CCT A board:	Installed
Gift Aid envelopes:	Provided
Visitor book:	Installed
Building services:	Minimal electricity, upgrades ongoing
Parking:	None
Organ:	N/A
Churchyard:	Not owned by CCT, owned by Parish Council
Ring-able bells:	Yes - limited ringing
Pews:	Sound, no defects
Fire rated capacity:	200
Seating capacity:	Not determined
Site plan:	Available
Roof alarm:	Uninstalled
CCTV:	None installed

Individual item security measures:	Uninstalled
Nearby attractions:	Burton Dassett Hills
Public transport:	Banbury Station 7 miles, Local bus stops
Social media presence:	Nil
Images on CCT website:	One of four
Regular feature parish news:	No
Services per year:	One
CofE support for services:	Yes
Christmas memory tree:	Yes, unsponsored
Tea Party:	Yes
Historic Church Tour:	2021
Heritage Open Days:	No
Ride & Stride:	No
Champing:	No
Retail:	No
Risk assessment general:	Current
Risk assessment fire:	Current

COSHH listing:	Current
Portable appliance listing:	Current
Security Audit:	Current
Children's explorer cart:	No
Children's trail:	No

Conservation reports

<p>Annualised maintenance costs (Exclusive of VAT):</p> <p>Annualised maintenance costs express the total costs of church maintenance divided by 25 years. Every cost which relates to maintenance is included except the twice-yearly maintenance visit. Any anticipated repairs are also excluded. A list of typical maintenance tasks for any historic church, forecast over the period, is available to view at appendix 2.</p>	£3,763.44
<p>Routine maintenance costs (Per annum and exclusive of VAT):</p> <p>Total cost of two maintenance visits per year exclusive of any additional maintenance items included above. A list of the maintenance tasks included in the twice-annual maintenance visits is available to view at appendix 3.</p>	£552.00

Other maintenance costs total (Exclusive of VAT):	
Additional maintenance needs discovered during twice-yearly maintenance visits, costed and listed individually below.	£280.00
- Damaged Church Sign	£15.00
- Plant growth against North side of the Church	£265.00
Total short term repairs: Small scale items of limited cost which could be fulfilled with minimal fundraising.	£12,850
- RWG repairs and redecoration and drainage investigation/ repairs	£8,400.00
- Replace the decayed coping to the nave/ chancel gable on the south side	£950.00
- Repoint the open joints to the stone work just below the gutter	£3,500.00
Total medium term repairs: More expensive needs such as roof repairs and tower repairs which may require more involved fundraising and grant applications.	£3,300.00
- Repoint the joints in various locations	£1,000.00
- Replacement of the plinth stone	£500.00
- De-moss the roof	£1,800
Total long term repairs: Items which are known to require works in the longer term but which are not essential in the near future.	£43,750.00
- Re-roof the slope of the south chancel	£22,500.00

- Window repairs including conservators report	£16,750.00
- Conservator conservation of the decorative chandelabra	£4,500
Total desirable repairs: Repairs which are not essential to the conservation health of the church but which might improve aesthetics or usability of the building.	£0.00
All cost figures are estimates, exclusive of VAT and professional fees. VAT is charged at 20% of the total costs and can sometimes be recovered. Professional fees vary, but are either charged at an hourly rate or as a percentage of the total project cost. These are usually charged only on larger or more complex projects.	

Income, Expenditure & Balances

Income

	Wall Safe	Total Income
2019/20	£0.00	£500.00
2018/19	£85.00	£585.00
2017/18	£150.00	£150.00
2016/17	£115.00	£161.00
2015/16	£62.00	£62.00

Visitors

		Wall safe income per visitor
2019-20	1,736	£0.00
2018-19	1,656	£0.05
2017-18	1,742	£0.09
2016-17	1,270	£0.09
2015-16	750	£0.08

Expenditure

Total spend since vesting (non-maintenance): £934,485

	Conservation (repair) expenditure	Maintenance expenditure	Utilities
2019-20	£120.00	£1,574.00	£88.00
2018-19	£0.00	£936.00	£87.00
2017-18	£0.00	£486.00	£87.00
2016-17	£0.00	£697.00	£86.00
2015-16	£246.00	£246.00	£86.00

Balances

The restricted balance is the amount of money which has been covenanted or restricted for expenditure at the church. Any expenditure needs to match the terms of the covenant under

which the money was donated, for example, a term expressing that a donation is intended for roof repairs only.

Restricted Balance Report Jul 2019	£728.20
Income less expenditure 2019/20	-£1,162.00
Income less annualised maintenance 2019/20	-£2189.44

Local Community Officer's Summary

This pretty and popular Warwickshire churches benefits from very generous support from a small number of regularly active community participants from the village of Avon Dassett. Additional members of the community support the church well but less regularly through attendance at events.

More regular services or events could present an opportunity to review the level of contribution from wall safe donations, given that visitors may be currently unaware of our annualised maintenance liability. This message could be amplified through information presented in the church and through regular updates to the parish newsletter and inclusion of church reports at parish council meetings. Interest and use by local bell ringers may also enable the community to communicate church needs, and extend offers of booked use to this prospective audience for alternative uses.

Marketing could focus on historical societies with an interest in the history of the local area, including the link to the politician John Profumo who lived in the local area, seeking bookings to tour the church alongside other popular Cotswold venues with a related connection. Voluntary effort towards research and interpretation products could facilitate encouragement of these bookings at the same time as enriching the visitor experience further.

The site has limited open floor space for alternative use. Additional revenue could derive from promotion of local, sympathetic businesses seeking to promote services and products through signage at the church.

The local volunteers deserve considerable recognition for having adopted the requisites of support for a CCT site so fully. Attendance at services and events would give an opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

The Community may need to give consideration to the sustainability of the opening and closing regime at the church, ably managed by local residents at present, and to review some of the options detailed in this summary towards the shortfall against annualised maintenance costs, addressing the risk of necessary repairs wanting for funds in future seasons.

CCT will need to provide a walk around guide and additional notice board signage for visitors early in 2020.

The wall safe has attracted attention from thieves in recent months and as a result review of means for emptying the safe and providing associated signage would be beneficial.

A supply of Christmas cards and a sponsor for the Christmas Memory Tree might also help develop useful income against maintenance liability.

Part B – Survey

Summary of consultation responses received by end August 2020

Following distribution of fifteen questions through our standard church plan questionnaire in summer 2020 to existing Churches Conservation Trust correspondents, (together with an invitation for correspondents to share the survey and associated Church Plan Part A), no response was received for Avon Dassett St. John the Baptist by the deadline of August 30th.

The response received was from a respondent writing in a **[no response]** capacity, who confirmed that their responses related to St. John the Baptist, Avon Dassett.

In addressing the question of a perfect outcome for our work together at the church the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In writing about challenges anticipated in respect of repair liabilities and running costs, the respondent indicates **[no response]**

Thinking about local life away from the church, in relation to other community projects or activities which might combine with our work to protect the church for the future, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

Considering if increased use of the church might benefit the community, or if increased use might benefit the church itself, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In relation to identifying conservation priorities for the church, the respondent provided **[no response]**

Regarding priorities, opportunities or ideas for fundraising the respondent noted **[no response]**. In respect of means for initiating fundraising activity, the respondent gave **[no response]**. The respondent also indicated that they would **[no response]** be available to participate in fundraising activity.

In seeking respondents' participation in a future group discussion regarding church planning the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In answering our final, open question about any additional church matters not covered in other areas of the survey, the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In addition to responses fielded through the questionnaire, a further **[no response]** respondents wrote back to their Local Community Officer, expressing the following perspectives:

Nil

Part C - Community Recommendations

Community meeting 1: 10th February 2021

Attending: LAB, TG

- In principle RMT are supportive of the proposed upgrades to the electrics in the church, however MO'D and JR would like to have a meeting to go through the specs.
- Avon Dassett is short of space and suitable buildings, the reading room can only hold 15 people, so increased use of the church would provide a bigger space.
- Lights can be hired, same for heating but this will make it usable for almost anyone.
- The pews are movable and this again allows for more versatile use of the space. This could be used for things like the evening dance at the village fete, weddings or christenings.
- Rev. Chatterton is supportive of religious use of the church, so permissions should not be an issue, as long as it is more usable.
- Redundant Churches Act says that the church can have up to 6 regular services per year as well as any number of occasional services.
- The village is very supportive of the idea.
- Western power have agreed to upgrade the meter and circuit breakers free of charge as a charitable donation.
- There are 9 steps remaining that have not been sold, proposal to sell them at £100 each which will give the cost of new circuit breakers.
- Wall safe has been replaced. However the door to the tower may still need looking at after break ins.
- Parish council is taking over responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard from Stratford District Council.
- The area at the back of the church has been cleared. The wall that runs along side the road is being repaired, estimated completion is mid-March.
- LAB to send TG the hire agreement Terms and Conditions as well as the rates for hire.
- Possible phase two project might be a light that is put in for safety for anyone visiting the church in the evening.
- TG notes that he believes that use of the church must be local community driven.
- AGM and Village meetings could take place in the church.
- Village film nights have been suggested, this could be something that takes place in the church.
- Plunkett Foundation have expressed that they may be interested in hiring the church for one of their conferences if the works can be completed. The pub could cater the events.

Community Meeting 19th August 2021

Attending - TG, KE, GN

- Three phase electricity meter - Western Power has provided and installed free of charge - the electric meter phase of the work is now complete.
- Avon Dassett parish council has authorised new consumer board. The council going to pay to for. Work is due to be done in the next 6 weeks - about 1 days work. There is public liability cover in place
- The steps up to the church are another fundraising project - the community is trying to get more people to put their names on plaques to 'sponsor' a step but it is a long process. They think that perhaps people will buy steps in memory.
- Parish council has taken responsibility from Stratford council for the maintenance of the churchyard. Have weed-killed selectively in response to help health issues of a neighbour.
- Gates were in a bad state of repair - Stratford council removed them 12 months ago. 3 week ago the old ones have been put back in the church due to their historical nature. There are issues with new gates such as the fittings not working. They are due to be returned sometime in the future when this is rectified.
- KE shared that the boards in the tower were recently reported as being in need of repair and that this has been reported to conservation colleagues. TG asks for estimates once quotes are sought so that the project can be treated as a separate fundraising project.
- Avon Dassett village is undertaking a Parish Plan. Possible questions around the use of the church. As there is no village hall, the church is the only place suitable for larger gatherings. However, as there are no toilets, and for events toilets are a must, this limits the use ability of the space. The community would like more facilities to improve this - ask MOD + JR
- Lighting is another facility the community would like installed, as the church is quite a dark space. TG notes that he has seen that the church ceiling appears to have conduits ready for lighting? The building records should have drawings to indicate whether this is the case and whether there are lighting cables? It would be a big job to

install lights, as scaffolding would be required. Progress this or look into portable lighting - proposal to be put forward to MOD + JR

- Heating by portable means would also be a useful installation- TG notes probably feasible to install heating.
- NC vicar - happy to hold religious services once better amenities are installed.
- Parish council meetings could be held in the church, ensuring social distancing.
- KE - Send over bookings form and risk assessment forms for future parish council meetings
- Accessibility issues - council meetings need to be accessible, which is difficult due to the steep nature of the stairs up to the church. Would it be possible to have an access chair TG to do some research - perhaps there might be an appropriate council grant? TG notes that there is a new county councillor
- Church not currently suitable for Champing due to lack of facilities.

Part D - Action Plan

The action plan below has been written for the *interim edition* of the church plan, published at the end of **September 2020**. The action plan, summary of consultation responses in part B above and the initial report (part A) will form the reference material for face-to-face and / or digital meetings between Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021. These meetings, together with review of findings by expert colleagues at The Churches Conservation Trust, will lead to a first full edition of the church plan to be published at the end of March 2021.

As inclusions in the *interim* church plan, the suggested actions listed below under **community actions**, indicated by the survey responses summarised in part B above as well as in the Local Community Officer's summary (part A), are subject to confirmation by community participants.

Community Actions

Short term actions (to end November 2021)

- Propose additional facilities (toilets, lighting and heating) to conservation team
- Consider alternative uses for the church now that the for when the electrical works are completed

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

- Investigate suitability of church for concerts or other uses, and of promotion to prospective local audiences or audiences travelling from Warwick, Leamington and Rugby
- Consider use of St. John the Baptist's as gallery space, offering local artists and makers a chance to mount exhibitions, or providing community groups and educational establishments with a suitable venue for temporary displays
- Potential sponsorship of the nine remaining steps which are not currently sponsored

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end August 2021)

- Attend first community church plan meeting
- Put together business case for proposed electric works to the church
- Attend meeting with CCT staff to agree works
- Organise initial works with Western Power
- Agree dates for face-to-face or digital meeting to review interim church plan
- Attend a follow up meeting about the specifications for planned electrics upgrade
- Consider the suitability of the site for Champing
- Fundraising for electric upgrades

Local Community Officer Actions

Short term actions (to end November 2021)

- Propose additional facilities (toilets, lighting and heating) to conservation team
- Consider alternative uses for the church now that the for when the electrical works are completed

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

- Consider adding video directions to the church for prospective visitors' information
- Investigate suitability of church for concerts or other uses, and of promotion to prospective local audiences or audiences travelling from Warwick, Rugby and Leamington Spa
- Consider use of St. John the Baptist as gallery space, offering local artists and makers a chance to mount exhibitions, or providing community groups and educational establishments with a suitable venue for temporary displays
- Consider the suitability of the site for Champing

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end August 2021)

- Share CCT Cleaning Churches standard and report

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- Arrange follow up meeting with Conservation and Estates colleagues
 - Seek BSO support in contacting Utilities Warehouse re: meter upgrades

 - Distribution Part A reports for each church to all existing correspondents, together with survey
 - Receive, anonymise and collate survey responses and add to Church Plan Part B
 - Resolve initial findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A & B, expressed as short, medium and long-term actions

 - Publish Part A, B & D as Interim Church Plan to colleagues by end September 2020
 - Undertake staff consultation against Interim Church Plan by end November 2020
 - By end November 2020 review colleagues' feedback regarding updates to church plan part A, to include
 - Conservation interpretations
 - Presentation improvements
 - Champing data
 - Complete community audit to identify additional survey respondents and participants in face-to-face or digital meetings by end November 2020
 - Repeat survey for additional respondents by end January 2021
 - Agree dates for face-to-face or digital community meetings by end January 2021
 - Resolve updated findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A, B & C expressed as short, medium and long-term actions for each site (Part D)
 - Publish Church Plan Version '2021-22'
 - Review church web page to ensure clear directions available for all visitors
 - Send out the booking Terms and Conditions and Hire Charge documents

CCT Actions Other

Short term actions (to end November 2021)

- Provide interpretation of maintenance and repair plans to further explain anticipated costs described in part A above.
- Provide guidance on feasibility of installing additional facilities at the church - toilets, lighting, heating
- Acquire quote for the boards in the tower that are damaged and in need or repair

Medium term actions (to end March 2022)

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end August 2021)

- Replace wallsafe
- Attend a follow up meeting to discuss the specifications for the upgrade the church electrics.
- Give further guidance on next phase of the proposed electrical upgrades

Appendix 1: Summer 2020 Questionnaire

This is the first of fourteen questions in the survey - thank you in advance for working through each one. First of all, we need to know if you're completing the survey on behalf of an organisation or writing in a personal capacity (If you're writing on behalf of an organisation, please use the text box to let us know which one. Thank you!)

Which church are you writing about? (Don't worry, you can complete additional questionnaires for other sites if you like!) Please state the location and dedication, as in 'Sapperton, St. Kenelm's'. Thank you.

People are involved with our sites in so many different ways. In your own words, please describe your relationship with the church building.

Some people are actively involved at the churches we look after together. If you're part of this group, tell us about your involvement. Cleaning, attending services and fundraising are just a few of the most frequent activities we share, but we'd appreciate as much detail as you might be happy to provide.

In your own words, and having reviewed 'Part A' of our church plan (sent to you by email with the invitation to this questionnaire), please describe a perfect outcome for our work together at the church. What would you like to see happen in terms of community involvement and other use of the building?

Bearing in mind the repair liabilities and running costs described in the report you've read, what challenges do you anticipate for a sustainable future at your church?

Thinking about local life away from the church, which other community projects or activities are you aware of that could combine with our work to protect the church for the future?

Here are two questions together... Could increased use of the church benefit the community?
How would this increased use benefit the church itself?

What do you think are the most important conservation priorities at your church? For each or all of these priorities, please also let us know about any ideas you have for addressing them.

Income and expenditure for the church is detailed in 'Part A' of the report we sent you. Addressing conservation priorities will entail finding new ways to raise funds. Tell us about any ideas or opportunities you have identified for raising additional income at the church.

What do you think might be the best ways to get started with any fundraising activities you have suggested?

If you don't already, would you be interested and available to take part in future fundraising activity?

Almost done! We'd like to invite you to join us in a group discussion about the church later this year, either in person or through 'phone / video conference. Would you be willing to join the discussion?

Last question! Is there anything else you'd like to share about your interest in the church which we haven't asked you already? Otherwise, thank you again so much for reflecting on the future of the church through your answers.

Appendix 2: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - 25 Years (Not Including Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose	Cycle/Yrs	Estimated Cost per visit (present day levels)	Cumulative Estimated Total Cost After 25 Years (2020 values)
Drains, rodding	Below-ground drains can be blocked by debris which stops the rain water dispersing properly and potentially leading to water backing up and overflowing. To prevent this they require rodding and cleaning even ten years.	1	£ 39.00	£ 975.00
Soakaways, inspection and clearance of silt build-up	Soakaways consist of a large pit filled with gravel of varying sizes which act as a filter to allow rainwater to slowly seep into the surrounding ground. Over time material carried into the soakaway in the rain water fills in the gaps and slows the rate of dispersal which can lead to water backing up and potentially damaging or even flooding the church	10	£ 600.00	£ 1,500.00
Mansafe hatchway system	Man safe systems are steel cables or anchor points which are fixed to the roofs of churches to allow people to safely access and work on the roof. As these systems are used for safety it is a legal requirement that they are tested every year for loose fittings or damaged cables.	1	£ 360.00	£ 9,000.00

Lightning conductor testing	Lightning conductors are required to be checked every three years to make sure that they are still performing correctly and will be able to disperse a lightning strike effectively. Metal thefts have often targeted lightning conductors and they may need replacing.	3	£ 480.00	£ 4,000.00
Organ maintenance	Organs are complex machines built using numerous natural materials which can be damaged by moisture, heat and animal attack. It is recommended that organs are checked every year to carry out minor repairs and to be re-tuned as required. Regular servicing can also reduce the likelihood of large unexpected repair bills.	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
Fire extinguisher inspection	Fire extinguishers servicing checks that the fire extinguishers are functional and maintaining adequate pressure for use in an emergency. Note the CCT only provides fire extinguisher in churches which are either stewarded, used for Champing™ or have significant timber items.	1	£ 166.00	£ 4,150.00
Electrical periodic inspection testing	Electrical tests ensure that the electrical system of the church is both safe and fully functioning. The test will check all elements of the system and highlight any concerns.	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
Replacement of electrical fittings	As items are highlighted as faulty through periodic testing and maintenance visits they will need to be replaced.	15	£ 1,500.00	£ 2,500.00
Replacement of lamps	General wear and tear - Bulbs require regular replacement. Note LED bulbs will be used where possible	2	£ 250.00	£ 3,125.00

Heating installation, servicing	Annual servicing of the heating system to ensure the efficiency and safe working order of the boiler etc.	1	£ 384.00	£ 9,600.00
Roof alarm, servicing	Roof alarms require annual servicing to check that the system is in good working order and to replace minor parts such as the batteries in sensors.	1	£ 316.80	£ 7,920.00
Rainwater goods, redecoration	All external rainwater Goods (RWG) require redecoration as they are in exposed locations and are exposed to significant amounts of water. The redecoration significantly extends the lifespan of the RWGs and ensures that they are working correctly and are securely fixed in position.	7	£ 1,560.00	£ 5,571.43
Internal & external ironwork redecoration	Redecorating the ironwork prolongs the life of the item and improves the aesthetic of the church. The redecoration of ironwork also provides a good opportunity to inspect the item for damage.	7	£ 1,500.00	£ 5,357.14
External joinery, redecoration	Redecorating external joinery prolongs the life of the item and improves the aesthetic of the church. The redecoration of ironwork also provides a very good opportunity to inspect the item for damage.	7	£ 1,875.00	£ 6,696.43
Window repairs	Minor repairs to the windows such as broken panes of glass, replacement of glazing bars, mortar repairs or lead work repairs are important to exclude the weather and birds and other animals.	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
Bell maintenance	Bells require ad hoc inspection and minor maintenance to fixtures and fittings	5	£ 235.00	£ 1,175.00

Condition inspection report, all specialists	We have a 9 yearly architect or surveyors inspection plan. When the survey is undertaken all elements of the church will be inspected and a prioritised plan for all required repairs will be created.	9	£ 450.00	£ 1,250.00
Roof overhaul	Roofs require constant minor maintenance with a major overhaul every seven years	7	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,928.57
Clock maintenance	An annual service of the clock with minor repairs and checks to ensure good timekeeping	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
Tree inspection	A five yearly inspection of all the trees in the churchyards we are responsible for to check for defects and enable us to plan for any required works.	5	£ 225.00	£ 1,125.00
Churchyard maintenance	Grass cutting and minor trimming of plants and bushes etc.	0.5	£ 200.00	£ 10,000.00
Overheads	Office costs to support maintenance planning etc.	1	£ 20.00	£ 500.00
Staff Costs	Staff costs incurred in preparing the required inspections and reports	1	£ 97.00	£ 2,425.00
TOTAL (Excluding VAT)				£107,598.57
TOTAL (Excluding VAT) / 25 years				£4,303.94

Appendix 3: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - (Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose
Gutters, downpipes and gully clearance	Gutters, hoppers and downpipes are easily blocked by leaves and debris both windborne and dropped by birds which can lead to overflowing and water damage to the building.
Roof, inspection & replacing slipped/missing slates/tiles	Over time some slates/tiles or the pegs/nails which hold them will reach the end of their useful lifespan. When this happens it will allow slates to move from their correct position which can let rain in to the building and potentially poses a risk to visitors as the slate/tiles can fall.
Vegetation, control of growth	Overgrown vegetation against walls and buildings can hold moisture against the building potentially causing damage and some plant species are invasive. Vegetation can also obscure the building hiding potential damage and can provide shelter for vermin such as mice.
Tower stairs & boiler room steps, sweeping	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. Regular sweeping reduces the risk for potential accidents.
Principal steps and paths, clearance	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. This is especially the case for churches with trees in the area. Regular sweeping of the steps reduces the risk for potential accidents.
Wall Safe, servicing	Servicing of the wall safe helps to ensure that the donations can be easily collected and also checks to ensure that there hasn't been an attempt to steal from the safe.

Appendix 4: Typical Champing™ Arrangements and Related Income

Champing™ is the exclusive overnight hire of a church to visitors. Camp beds and chairs are set up inside the church, along with tea making provisions, battery lighting, and cushions and blankets to give guests a cosy stay.

Guests book online through the Champing™ website www.champing.co.uk and these bookings are related to local contacts so everyone knows when visitors are staying. A local member of staff sets out equipment for the night and removes all gear each morning. Guests have exclusive access to the church between 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. so visitors can enjoy the church during the day.

Champers don't expect much in the way of facilities and understand that these are ancient buildings. For most churches we've installed eco-loos either inside or outside in wooden cabins. We don't allow candles but provide battery lanterns and fairy lights. As most of our churches don't have heating we only operate Champing™ between the end of March and the end of October, and we recommend Champers bring warm sleeping bags and extra blankets. We also supply bedding and breakfasts but this option isn't available at all churches. Most Champers will eat out locally or may bring their own picnic.

For those churches without electricity we provide a gas camping stove and we also provide amply bottled water for Champers and all visitors to use.

Typically Champers are couples and families. Some of our churches are large enough to welcome groups of up to 16 people. We are dog-friendly, and child-friendly. Many Champers appreciate the history, architecture, and unique features of their surroundings, and come to learn about the building and its locale through this unique accommodation. We offer those staying for the first time a free CCT membership so they can learn more about our work and consider support for The Trust after their visit.

You can evaluate typical income which derives from Champing™ in the table below.

Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Langport, Somerset	£10,472.40	£2,765.60	£3,809.94	£3,128.00	£20,175.94
Emborough, Somerset		£2,024.30	£1,378.49	£2,625.00	£6,027.79
Chiselhampton, Oxfordshire	£10,156.29	£2,696.40	£5,864.11	£1,705.00	£20,421.80
Wolfhamcote, Warwickshire		£3,001.00	£2,213.77	£1,624.00	£6,838.77
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire		£4,368.80	£4,758.55	£1,004.00	£10,131.35
TOTAL	£20,628.69	£14,856.10	£18,024.86	£10,086.00	£63,595.65